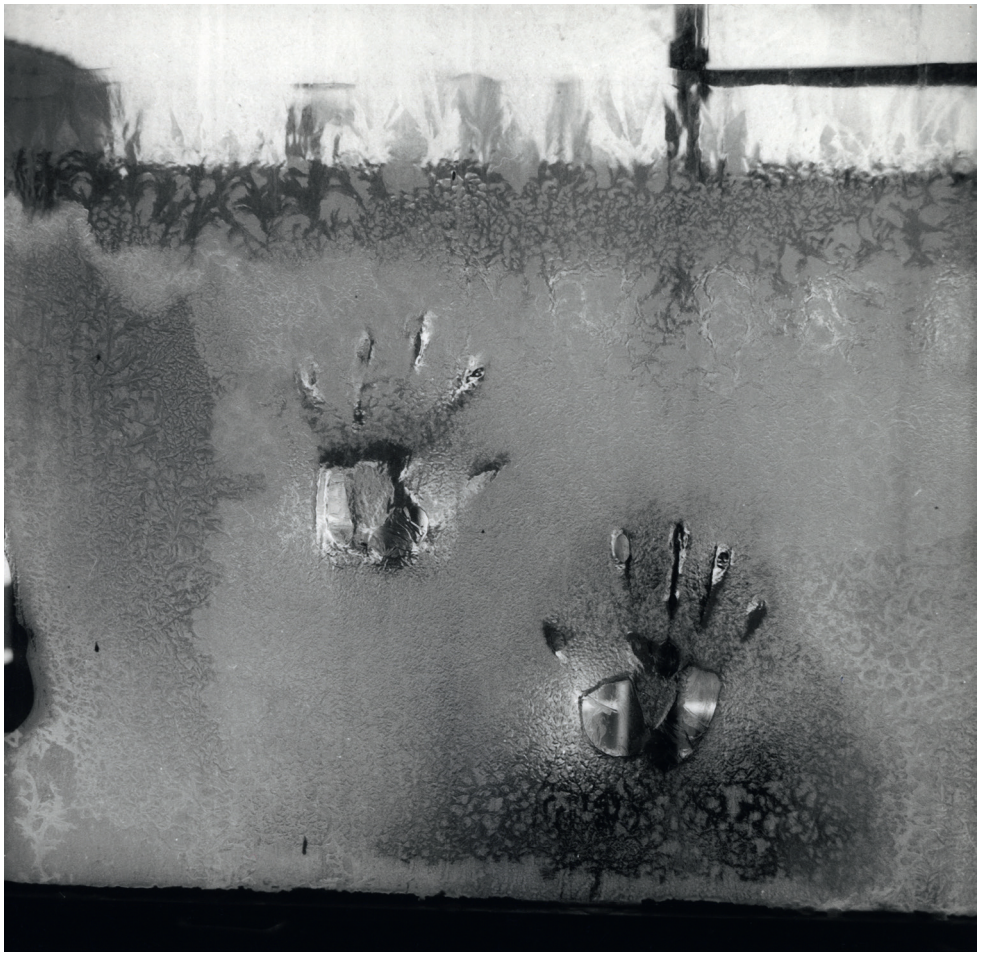

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GERT DE RUIJTER FACES & SHADOWS

Those 31 pictures were selected from a cloud of digital files, which Gert emailed to me (as well to his many other friends) in last approximately 25 years. For the booklet I choose black and white photos which (I believe) could be seen as a testimony about his rare ability to meet and approach strangers on streets, bars, or to capture situations he was enrolling in. Majority of the files are in low resolution and it is difficult to find out the year and the place of their origin. Anja built for Gert years ago a website, but it disappeared long ago in the digital oblivion. You can still browse through 193 images, Anja received from Gert to represent his oeuvre and later uploaded to the server archive.org. The physical "de Ruijter archive" including hard drives are kept in Amsterdam by Gert's sister.

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